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August 12, 2002

## <u>VIA FACSIMILE AND</u> OVERNIGHT DELIVERY

Jonathan G. Katz, Secretary Securities and Exchange Commission 450 Fifth Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20549-0609 OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
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Re:

Securities and Exchange Commission File No. 4-460: Order Requiring the Filing of Sworn Statements Pursuant to Section 21(a)(1) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Dear Mr. Katz:

Enclosed for filing with the Commission in accordance with the Order referenced above are executed originals of the statements under oath of Christopher M. Connor, Chief Executive Officer, and Sean P. Hennessy, Chief Financial Officer, of The Sherwin-Williams Company regarding facts and circumstances relating to Exchange Act filings, each in the form of Exhibit A to the Order.

Please acknowledge receipt of this letter and the statements by stamping and returning the enclosed copy of this letter in the self-addressed, stamped envelope provided.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (216) 566-2478.

Sincerely,

Richard A. Legenza

Associate General Counsel

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cc:

C. Connor

S. Hennessy

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## STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

- I, Christopher M. Connor, state and attest that:
- (1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of The Sherwin-Williams Company, and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:
  - no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
  - no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in
    the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not
    misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a
    report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was
    filed).
- (2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.
- (3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":
  - Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2001 of The Sherwin-Williams Company;
  - all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials
    of The Sherwin-Williams Company filed with the Commission subsequent to the
    filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and

any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Christopher M. Connor

August 12, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of August, 2002.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

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